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1. Around noon on 15 February 1954, about 20 women wearing Soviet Air Force uniforms and carrying suitcases moved from Oranienburg railroad station to Hans Schemm School in Weisse Stadt, Oranienburg.

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2. Between 18 February and 1 March 1954, the airfield was still unoccupied. On 18 February, 1 officer and 2 groups each of 10 men, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with rifles, marched from Weisse Stadt toward the airfield. On 1 March, a march column consisting of 2 officers, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and carrying briefcases, and about 15 EM, armed with 2 light machine guns, submachine guns and rifles, were observed on the same road. About 6:40 p.m., firing with rifles was heard from the direction of Gernsdorf railroad station and a red ground signal was seen from that direction.

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3. During the second half of February, work was being done by the VEM Oranienburg on a transformer and the switching device in the transformer house at the airfield. Two electricians of the Bauunion Leipzig still worked on the electric light installation of the fuel dump at the field. The five quartering blocks in Weisse Stadt were guarded by air force sentries.

4. During the second half of February, about 150 men were quartered in the Weisse Stadt area. No military activity was observed there.

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Comment. Damages to the runway at Oranienburg airfield have postponed the acceptance of the field and its reoccupation.

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